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## SUPPORT GROWS FOR NEW LEAGUE | Bring back interstate games!

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Two distinct systems for 1975 competitions are emerging following Sydney's wealthier clubs coyly throwing their hats into the ring in support of a National League, and a meeting investigating a NSW League held in Sydney last Saturday between NSW Federation First Division clubs, a representative of the NSW Executive and the Northern NSW Federation.

Last Saturday's meeting has been variously described as a quest for a stronger NSW competition, and as an attempt for some lower clubs to retain First Division status.

Northern NSW president Alan Lamb was adamant that Newcastle deserved four teams in any State competition, whereas Sydney would on paper only concede two clubs.

The scheme could sink without trace at this point as the NSW Federation has already determined that the 1975 First Division will comprise 12 clubs, and many may not be happy with any change.

However, Yugal-Prague official Maron Kovacevic believes the clubs might well sanction a 14-team league including two from Newcastle on the ground that no Federation First or Second Division club would lose out in the move.

### REALISTIC

The Newcastle move for four teams is understandable in order to provide more local clashes, but two is the realistic number at present as many of their clubs have very limited financial backing. More could be admitted later if circumstances warranted it.

If teams which were invited to enter lacked the financial standing to progress they would have to forego their chance and allow others who have the standing to take their places.

Newcastle would perhaps consider agreeing to South Coast fielding two sides provided they got their four teams in, and after allowing for eight Sydney teams the total would be 14 clubs, which seems a bit unwieldy at this stage.

In the scheme promotion and relegation could become a problem as both Sydney and Newcastle would be involved.

ANOTHER  
NORTH  
KOREAN  
WONDER  
TEAM?

See page 7.

For the alternative plan of National League to succeed, clubs would have to move quickly after the grand final to bring in the new League in 1975.

From the administration viewpoint it could be done through the ASF with the National League being an entirely separate department with its own promotional and financial support.

The World Cup spread the general knowledge of soccer in Australia, now we need an organisation to take top club soccer out of the horse and buggy days.

It seems that draft figures are available, with clubs needing to find some \$5,000 to enter.

The idea is to find the way to bigger money and support, and provide a product that can also be packaged on color TV as a spectacle.

Top class play is the key, and the Sydney entry could be 4-6 teams, Melbourne 2-4, with Brisbane, Adelaide, Newcastle and Illawarra one each.

This would mean some 10-14 clubs in the League, depending on who came forward.

One further alternative is district play, with a senior club connecting to its own juniors, but this does not seem the likely method to be chosen for reason of location of grounds.

There is rarely joy at shotgun weddings.



Vic Del Forno's spectacular flying goal against Pan Hellenic at Wentworth Park last Sunday. Internationals Jim Rooney, Terry Butler and Peter Ollerton are the other APIA players in the picture.

## COL CURRAN LEADS IN SHARP CONTEST

Col Curran has become the sole leader in the "Soccer World" Sharp Players' Contest.

Australia's ace international fullback, whose consistent displays have helped Western Suburbs emerge as a strong semifinal contender, has averaged 4.05 points.

Curran has three matches left, including two against Pan Hellenic this weekend, to keep in front of his immediate pursuers, Les Hucker (Auburn) and John Wallace (APIA).

Manfred Schaefer, who two

weeks ago shared the lead with Curran, Wallace and Hucker, has slipped to fourth place following an only average performance against Croatia last Sunday.

Our Player of the Year will receive \$300 worth of Sharp equipment of his choice.

The Sharp Corporation, the leading world name in electronics, have chosen "Soccer World" as the vehicle of their first venture into soccer,

having already presented a \$200 prize to the winner of our World Cup readers' competition.

Current Players' Contest standings:	
C. Curran (Wests)	4.05
L. Hucker (Auburn)	4.00
J. Wallace (APIA)	4.00
M. Schaefer (St. George)	3.93
F. Brady (Croatia)	3.89
J. Rooney (APIA)	3.89
A. Muniz (Hakoah)	3.88
A. Maher (Sutherland)	3.85

## N.S.W. FIRST DIVISION

TEAMS	AGGREGATE								HOME							AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	M	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P		
Hakoah	20	12	3	5	43	21	27	:13	6	2	2	24	10	14	6	1	3	19	11	13		
St. George	20	11	2	7	32	21	24	:16	6	1	3	19	10	13	5	1	4	13	11	11		
Wests	19	9	6	4	26	15	24	:14	5	2	3	14	9	12	4	4	1	12	6	12		
APIA	18	9	4	5	35	20	22	:14	4	4	1	17	9	12	5	—	4	18	11	10		
Safeway	20	8	5	7	25	22	21	:19	5	2	3	15	11	12	3	3	4	10	11	9		
Pan Hellenic	19	8	4	7	28	24	20	:18	5	2	2	18	11	12	3	2	5	10	13	8		
Croatia	20	8	4	8	27	29	20	:20	6	1	3	21	14	13	2	3	5	6	15	7		
Auburn	19	8	1	10	22	28	17	:21	4	1	4	11	12	9	4	—	6	11	16	8		
Sutherland	19	6	5	8	17	29	17	:21	4	3	2	12	13	11	2	2	6	5	16	6		
Marconi	19	4	7	8	15	20	15	:23	3	4	3	7	7	10	1	3	5	8	13	5		
Yugal-Prague	19	2	9	8	21	32	13	:25	2	3	5	10	13	7	—	6	3	11	19	6		
Canterbury	20	3	6	11	20	50	12	:28	3	3	4	10	14	9	—	3	7	10	36	3		

M: stands for "minus," or the points dropped. We found it necessary to add this to our table because of the uneven number of matches by the teams which would otherwise give a distorted picture of the table.

The ASF would be well advised at its Executive meeting next month to adopt a proposal by Western Australia to resurrect the interstate championship.

Western Australia will propose that a national competition for State teams be staged every year before and after the domestic club championships, using the successful Sheffield Shield cricket series as the formula.

"Soccer World", which has always supported an interstate championship, strongly condemned the ASF and the "major" States, Victoria and NSW, for sabotaging the series way back in 1964.

I still firmly believe that it is ludicrous that soccer, a sport status throughout the country, should be deprived of a national competition for State teams.

Time and again this newspaper has emphasised the merits and benefits of such a competition.

Not only will it give the sport the national image it needs, but it will also greatly assist the Australian coach to select the best players for the national team.

He would be able to see all Australia's best players in action, something beyond the task of any part-time appointee.

An interstate competition staged, say, on a home-and-away basis in February and March and right through October would not interfere with the States' domestic competitions.

Because the dates would be set well before the local fixtures are determined, clubs would have no excuse for not releasing their players.

Just imagine the advantages of such a series if it was in operation this year.

Rale Rasic, instead of picking interstate representation at random for the coming tour of Asia, would be able to see all Australia's best players in action before selecting the new Socceroos.

An interstate championship with NSW, Victoria, Northern NSW (Newcastle), Queensland, Western Australia and South Australia for a start, with eventually the ACT and Tasmania also participating, would no doubt cost plenty to stage.

Sponsorship would have to be found, but that could be secured more easily than the sponsorship required to make a National League viable.

Large companies would, I am sure, be happier at this stage of soccer's development to lend their support to a State team rather than a club whose foundations are much shakier.

— LOU GAUTIER



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Sunday, August 25: FILM: "Ballad of Cable Hogue"

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Tuesday, August 27: Regular BRIDGE and CANASTA Tournaments.  
Wednesday, August 28: The one and only RAE L KAY!  
Sunday, September 1: THE COLLEAGUES.  
Monday, September 2: ISRAELI NIGHT starring MICHAEL SADEH.  
Tuesday, September 3: Regular BRIDGE and CANASTA Tournaments.  
Wednesday, September 4: SYLVIA RAY — Scintillating Voice.

## Club patrol

A meeting was held last week between Granville and Auburn officials with a view to AMALGAMATE the two clubs next season. Both clubs are looking into the matter carefully and another meeting will be held sometime in the future.

JIM SCANE, the Manly team manager returned from his World Cup tour last week. Jim was a big hit in Germany, where newspapers dubbed him as the Number One World Cup fan. His flags, badges and colorful all-Australian outfit created a sensation.



Hakoah's management refuted suggestions that Sutherland's under-23 international ALLAN MAHER had been signed for the club for 1975. It seems that Hakoah are satisfied with the way that their goalkeeping berth is going.

Plans are in hand for the forty minutes of edited highlights of the ENGLAND v. AUSTRALIA match to be shown on Channel Two Sportsview, probably on Saturday afternoon, September 7.

The BBC Sports Round-up on 2 BL on Sunday at 6.02 will include all the British results and summaries following the opening of the English season on Saturday afternoon. The BIG MATCH programme will also hit ABC TV in about six weeks' time.

The Newcastle soccer people were very pleased when Federal Minister for Tourism and Recreation FRANK STEWART called in at Macquarie Field, Speers Point, the very popular soccer arena which will soon be expanded, when on a recent visit to Newcastle.

Work is progressing on the remodelling of the building in Wentworth Avenue, Sydney, not far from Central, where the proposed PAN HELLENIC club will be situated.

The schools have their Australian UNDER-18 years championship on show shortly, with entries from Victoria, South Australia, NSW and Queensland. Double-headers each night from 7.30 p.m. will be held at: Monday, August 26, Garside Park; Tuesday, August 27, Bankstown Soccer Centre; Wednesday, August 28, Austral Park, Birmingham Gardens, Newcastle. Final and play-off for third place, Friday, August 30, Englefield Stadium, Dural. This championship is another schools "first" for 1974.

Third Division club WARRINGAH has arranged to visit Brisbane to play Brisbane City club, advises the Saints' livewire secretary OSSIE GRECO. And whilst on the subject of the Northern capital, Ossie's brother Casper, coach of the successful Manly Vale under-14 Division 1 team packs the boys in his

Top Polish First Division club L.K.S. (Lodz) will play in Australia next January and February. The tour is sponsored by the Victorian Federation. NSW should not hesitate to come to the party also and get the Poles to play in Sydney. They would be a huge drawcard as their goalkeeper is none other than JAN TOMASZEWSKI, of World Cup fame. The ASF could also take this opportunity to give the new Socceroos a run.

bus for a two-week playing tour to Queensland. Matches start at Newcastle, and then along the way to Queensland, with the party staying in caravan parks and in a church hall along the way.

Some REFEREES have been involved in three matches each day at the week-end to keep the fixtures list moving ahead. One suggestion worth investigation is that on at least one day the Appointments Board take the distance from home to the ground into account as there could well be a fall off in referees doubling up if this doesn't occur.

Showing increased maturity with Auburn is left-back ALAN GIBSON. After a period as an attacker and some experience in English football, Gibson is blossoming well, and is developing the ability to be in the right place at the right time.

### ROTHMAN'S CUP HOTS UP

Sydney's First Division clubs will make their Rothman's Cup debut on September 11, at the Sydney Sportsground where most of the games will be played on subsequent Wednesdays.

They will be joined by the four winners of this weekend's round involving two teams from Newcastle, five from Sydney Second Division and Third Division Revesby Rovers.

On Saturday Balgownie plays Revesby at 1 p.m. and Guildford meets Melita at 2.30 p.m. at Mona Park while the Newcastle double-header is between Adamstown and Marrickville and Corinthians and New Lambton.

Rothman's, who have allocated \$18,500 prize-money, including \$4,000 for the winning team — the biggest sponsorship soccer has ever received — are arranging to have the draw for the next round televised live.

Sutherland coach JIM LIVINGSTONE is not only keenly involved with the senior team. He puts in an hour each Friday night with the Kirrawee under-7 A team, and they won the First Division Sutherland Shire under-7s scoring 72 goals for two against and losing only once all season. They go on to compete in the Champion of Champions and if Jimmy sees them play it will be the first time, because he's involved elsewhere when they play on Saturday mornings.

Australian international goalkeeper ROSS KELLY has re-established himself up in

### LEADING GOALSCORERS

P. OLLERTON (APIA)	15
D. HARDING (Pan Hellenic)	12
J. FLETCHER (Hakoah)	10
T. BUTLER (APIA)	9
T. MORROW (Hakoah)	8
A. ABONYI (St. George)	7
R. FRYER (Safeway)	7
D. KEDDIE (Auburn)	7
S. KERI (Canterbury)	7
D. SIDNEY (Auburn)	7

St. George members have the opportunity of seeing two Olympic and world FENCING CHAMPIONS at their club on September 4 when the NSW Amateur Fencing Association's annual ball will be held at Soccer House. Fencing, featuring Hungarian aces Laszlo Kamuti, Gyoza Kulcsar and Tibor Pezsa and Italian ladies' foil world championship finalist Giulia Lorenzoni, will be staged from 8 p.m.



It was ATTILA ABONYI's birthday last Saturday — and didn't he celebrate it in style! He scored two goals against Hakoah to make it a memorable 28th birthday.

ROKKO ILE was suspended for two matches, and also received a further two-game suspended sentence, for being sent off the field last Sunday. Pan Hellenic team-mate DAVE HARDING only coped a one-match suspended sentence while Marconi player-coach RAY RICHARDS, who was suspended for one match, will only miss Friday's deferred match against Yugal-Prague.

## OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF NSW FEDERATION

### THIS WEEK

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

Marconi v. Yugal-Prague — Marconi Oval (deferred floodlit match)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

Pan Hellenic v. Wests (deferred match) — Wentworth Park  
Canterbury v. St. George — Arlington Oval  
APIA v. Auburn — Lambert Park  
— Rothman's Cup round involving Second Division clubs —  
Rapid v. Bankstown — Marrickville Oval

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

Wests v. Pan Hellenic — Drummoyne Oval  
Croatia v. Safeway — Marks Field  
Sutherland v. Yugal-Prague — Seymour Shaw Park  
Hakoah v. Auburn — Wentworth Park  
APIA v. Marconi — Lambert Park  
Melita Eagles v. Polonia — Mona Park  
Granville v. Newtown — Garside Park  
Marrickville v. Rapid-Riverside — Blick Oval  
Balgownie v. Guildford — Balgownie Oval  
Bankstown v. Manly — Soccer Centre  
Corinthians v. NS-Inter — Jubilee Oval

### NEXT WEEK

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

Sutherland v. APIA — Seymour Shaw Park, 8.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

Bankstown v. NS-Inter — Soccer Centre  
Newtown v. Marrickville — Erskineville Oval  
Rapid v. Balgownie — Marrickville Oval

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

APIA v. Wests — Lambert Park  
Pan Hellenic v. Croatia — Wentworth Park  
Safeway v. Canterbury — Woonona Oval  
St. George v. Sutherland — Hurstville Oval  
Yugal-Prague v. Hakoah — Marks Field  
Auburn v. Marconi — Mona Park  
Corinthians v. Melita Eagles — Jubilee Oval  
Polonia v. Granville — Soccer Centre  
Guildford v. Bankstown — Guildford Park  
Manly v. NS-Inter — Inman Park  
Rapid v. Marrickville — Marrickville Oval



# AUST. TEAM MUST PROVE ITSELF THIS YEAR

Australia's new national team which will hopefully make its international debut in Asia later this year needn't be as inexperienced as people think.

There are enough players available, especially in NSW, to already form a strong Australian eleven which could even develop into a more exciting outfit than the brave team of 1970-74.

All that is required is for the team to get plenty of international competition in the next three years.

There is no doubt in my mind that the main reason for the 1974 Socceroos' adequate showing in the World Cup finals was the welter of international experience behind them.

The majority of players who took the field in Hamburg and in West Berlin appeared in the 55 internationals, including 34 full internationals, since Rale Rasic took over in October 1970.



HARRY WILLIAMS

Matches all over the world, in all sorts of conditions, in front of hostile crowds in many instances, helped to instill cohesion, discipline and confidence into the Australian team which lined up in Germany with a minimum of complexes.

It must be clear to everyone that it is absolutely essential that the same procedure must be followed for the 1978 World Cup.

I can only repeat what I have been advocating for some time; an Australian team must go on tour at the end of this year.

Just as 1970 was the year when the 1974 World Cup side emerged as the result of a 15-match world tour, 1974 must mark the beginning of Australia's 1978 World Cup campaign.

## EXPERIENCE

The Australian Federation lost \$9,000 on the 1970 tour. Though it may even lose more this year, the experience the national team will gain by playing in Asia cannot be valued in terms of money.

To bring a couple of European teams to Australia next season as Sir Arthur George has promised is not enough.

Our team's potential can only be measured on an overseas tour.

Whether the ASF gets Government assistance or not to play in Burma and China, the first priority of secretary Brian Le Fevre when he returns from holidays next week

must be to set up an Asian tour itinerary for the Socceroos — even if it means flying to various Asian cities himself to secure match dates.

I am sure that if Burma and China are out, Australia can tee up matches in Hong Kong, Bangkok, Singapore, Indonesia or Malaysia and perhaps also Iran.

## GO-AHEAD

The ASF must call for an executive meeting early next month, give the Asian tour the go-ahead and get cracking immediately.

It will then be up to Rale Rasic, whose reappointment must also be confirmed without further ado, to select the 20 or so players who will form our first post World Cup national squad.

The squad shouldn't be all that difficult to select despite the loss of several of the stars of the 1967-74 era.

As Rasic won't have all that much time, in his part-time capacity, to look over the interstate scene in any great detail this year, the bulk of the touring party must again come from NSW.

Victorians assured of selection are goalkeeper Jimmy

Milislavjevic and Branko Buljevic, whom I would play in the midfield as from now.

Mike Micevski and perhaps Vince Bannon will also be in the running from Melbourne while South Australia's John Nyskohus, fullback Bugsy's brother, could also be considered.

"Certainities" from NSW include Peter Wilson, Col Curran, Harry Williams, Peter Ollerton, Jim Rooney, Terry Butler, Ernie Campbell and Allan Maher, all of whom have had overseas international experience.

Goalkeeper Jim Fraser, still only 26, would also be in my 1974 squad, together with his St. George teammates George Harris and Brendan Grosse, John Russell (APIA) and the Hakoah pair of Joe Fletcher and Joe Watson.

The immensely talented young Grosse is looking very good and Rasic must be very close to picking him as Manfred Schaefer's successor.

Russell only needs the experience of a tough overseas tour to shed some of his timidity to assert himself as a more dominant midfielder of international stature.

Watson, despite his lack of height, can add some welcome creativity and Fletcher looks definite international material in attack.

The remaining three or four positions should be filled by players in their early twenties, or younger, preferably Australian-born if no "imports" prove themselves clearly superior.



JIM MILISAVLJEVIC

These, roughly, would be the players I would take to Asia, and my first post World Cup national team would look something like this: Milislavjevic, Curran, Wilson, Grosse, Williams, Buljevic, Rooney, Campbell, Fletcher, Ollerton, Butler.

Not a bad looking side to kick off the three-year cycle leading to Australia's next World Cup qualifying games.

But unless this team has a chance to show its ability on tour this year, we'll never know and many months, for which we'll have to pay for later, will have been wasted.

# FIVE JUNIOR NATIONALS KICK OFF NEXT WEEK

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

NSW under-16 coach for the National Youth Championship, Rex Foster, is very confident that his team can produce the desired results in Perth next week.

The team's three results against trial opponents were 2-2 v. Manly-Warringah thirds, 2-1 v. Australia Schools under-15 and 3-0 v. Sutherland thirds.

The midfield of Ricky Mangan (Safeway) and Bob O'Shea (St. George) looks particularly promising, and Bob Nutt (Marconi) and Cameron MacDougall (Manly Juniors) are strong backs.

Manly striker Alan Wilson has been very impressive, as has APIA's Tony Morsillo.

Junior player Gary Marsden is playing well, and Phil Johns could come into the side as a utility player.

Schoolboy international Kevin Coleman is in the side for the second year running although he is still qualified for under-15, and Mark Curtis, another under-15-year-old has made his mark as a goalkeeper.

Equally confident of possibilities of success is Jock Aird, who has a strong under-15 side for the tournament to be played at Adelaide.

Danny Roberts (Bankstown) and Mark Chapman (Manly)

come in as goalkeepers as the schoolboy international Paul Griffin is a Federation player.

Other internationals included are Ian Rowden, Gene Isoardi, and Mark Samuels, with experienced Danny Rothwell and Shayne Keating also in the side.

Many of the players have had plenty of experience during the year. Ian Rowden for one has played against Brisbane, and also for Sydney and NSW under-16 against New Zealand in May.

It appears for the future that NSW would be well advised to bring Federation under-15 players into consideration for their teams at this level, as some of the best lads are already up with senior clubs and the English Schools tour has already showed that we cannot compete properly at any level unless we unleash our best resources.

Arrangements for the national titles — towards which the Australian Government has assisted financially — are:

- U/16 Perth, Aug. 26/31.
- U/15 Adelaide, Aug. 31/September 8.
- U/14 Hobart, Aug. 31/September 7.
- U/13 Perth, August 31/September 9.
- U/12 Canberra, Aug. 25/31.

Under-16 managers are Lionel Brown and Brian Emery, and under-15 Perc Freer.

In other grades the coach and manager respectively are: under-14 — John Heddison (St. George), George Churchward (Nepean); under-13 — John Wall (Western Suburbs), Sid Tanner (St. George); under-12 — Ron Talbot (Manly-Warringah), Max Wharton (Ku-ring-gai).

John Heddison has coached the strong St. George inter-district team that has been undefeated in three years' play.

## RESULTS

Inter-Company competition results:

Dun and Bradstreet v. Philips 1-0; NCR v. IBM 6-0; AWA v. ICL 8-1; Nashua v. Nestles 7-0. Points standings: AWA 28; NCR 25; Nashua 21; Dun and Bradstreet 17; Caltex 14; Nestles 13; IBM 11; Philips 4; ICL. AWA have won the championship.

Public Service competition results:

RGO v. Motor Transport 0-0; Garden Island v. Taxation 2-0; Water Board v. Public Works 1-0. Forthcoming fixtures: Garden Island v. Public Works, Thursday, August 22; Water Board v. Justice, Friday, August 23; PMG v. Taxation, Monday, August 26 and RGO v. Public Works on Wednesday, August 28.

# Smalltalk

More and more, our referees begin to remind me of those cardsharps on the Mississippi river boats.

At the drop of a hat, they produce their beloved little yellow cards, some pulling them from their shirt pockets, others from their short pockets.

They flash it, often theatrically, in the face of the players, then hold it high in the air, as though showing it to Caesar high in the Colosseum; justice has been served.

Well, nothing of the kind. This yellow fever among our referees is totally pointless and, if anything, ludicrous.

When, at FIFA's suggestion, the system of colored cards was introduced — yellow for caution, red for expulsion — quite a number of countries accepted it in toto.

We saw it work during the recent World Cup very adequately: our own Tony Boskovic also handed out "a yellow" to the great Johan Cruyff.

However, in Australia we managed to turn the whole system into a meaningless circus.

Referees here, unlike elsewhere, don't write down the name of the player cautioned — because red doesn't automatically follow yellow.

Three yellow cards during the World Cup meant an automatic suspension for a player, even if he collected them during the space of four or five matches.

Here a player can "see yellow" twice in a game without seeing red.

Three weeks ago Allan McKenzie cautioned seven players during the St. George v. Pan Hellenic match; last week Sbisla flashed the yellow card to six players at the Hakoah v. St. George game.

Neither took any of the names, thus robbing the entire procedure of any meaning and importance.

If the NSW Federation did decide to adopt the card system, why on earth didn't they also adopt it in its entirety?

What happens now at our grounds makes a mockery of an otherwise good concept and is only good for the referees to pretend that they are enforcing strict discipline.

With the emphasis on the pretend . . .

## RACIAL PREJUDICE?

Australia's application to join the Asian Soccer Confederation will be heard at the Tehran conference next month.

At this stage, it is anything but certain that the move will receive the necessary two-thirds majority vote.

Australia has done everything most properly to ensure its acceptance into this growing organisation; Sir Arthur George will be present in Tehran to further plead our case.

However, there are indications that some Asian countries don't want Australia in their midst either because they fear our "domination" or because we are not of Asian stock.

In a sort of masochistic fashion, I secretly hope that our application will be refused on the latter ground.

Let our Asian friends and neighbors go on record with this racial prejudice of which they so often accuse Australian officialdom.

They ought to know that Australia wouldn't be able to participate in the numerous regional tournaments anyway because of our domestic commitments; that trophy hunting, whether at the Merdeka, King's Cup or President's Cup, is not our main aim.

Australia is keen to join merely to legalise its relations with countries in this area, to add its weight to any argument the Asian Confederation may have to present in future to FIFA.

If this is not understood or appreciated in some Asian circles then it's clear that we are wasting our time and vocal cords making our plea.

However, it would be good if Sir Arthur, once at the round table with the Asian knights, pointed out that refusal to accept Australia in the Confederation could be viewed with gloom by our public and even Government circles.

Time and again some Asian countries seek some form of assistance or co-operation from us in the name of "neighborliness;" let them demonstrate now that this is a two-way traffic.

Let's face it: Asia needs Australia at least as much as we need them.

By barring us from the Confederation they will not ensure, as they might like to, that a racially Asian team will be the Confederation's representative at the next World Cup.

They failed in this in 1974 and have no guarantee for it in 1978. Whether as official member nation or as independents, Australia will again do battle with Asian countries for a berth in the World Cup finals.

— MIKE RENWICK

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## RESULTS & SCORERS

## HOW THEY LINED UP

## SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

### Auburn

2 (1)

Sidey 30 and 76 mins.

### Sutherland

0 (0)

### Yugal-Prague

1 (0)

Mihajlovic 75 min. (penalty)

### Canterbury

1 (0)

Armytage 62 min.

### Safeway

0 (0)

### Wests

1 (0)

Mostyn 78 min.

### P. Hellenic

1 (1)

Harding 6 min.

### A.P.I.A.

3 (1)

Butler 29 min., Ollerton 58 min., Del Forno 74 min.

### Marconi

1 (1)

Robertson 23 min.

### Hakoah

0 (0)

### St. George

0 (0)

### Croatia

1 (0)

Yaager 61 min.

Hoszowski 3, Lawson 3, Gibson 4, Malone 3, Hucker 4, McMillan 3, Sidey 4, Walker 4, Deller 3, Keddie 4, Cornett 3.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: J. Marston.

Match rating: \* \* \*

Maher 4, Branson 3, Bennett 3, Griffiths 3, Wykes 3, Jordan 3 (L. Smith 46 mins. 3), Thompson 3, Dale 3, Bourke 3, Cacciola 2, Gray 3.

TOTAL: 33.

Coach: J. Livingstone.

Bracklow 3, Harcombe 3, Trkulja 4, Velkovski 3, McDonald 4, Rootsey 3, Mihajlovic 3, Purac 3 (Perry second half, 3), Serdarevic 3, Kuzmanov 3, Takac 3.

TOTAL: 35.

Coach: S. Dacevski.

Match rating: \* \* \*

Forrester 3, Whitehead 4, Hadley 3, Mullen 3, Guildea 3, Venables 3, Angelopoulos 3, Keri 3 (G. Brown 85 min.), Bibby 3, R. Brown 3, Davies 3 (Armytage 52 min.).

TOTAL: 35.

Coach: L. Hegyes.

Hesford 3, Roberts 3, Wilson 4, Gleeson 3, Thompson 3, Stonehouse 3, Fryer 3, McGrotty 4, Dodd 4, Tolson 3, Crowe 3 (Bingham, second half, 3).

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: P. Wilson.

Match rating: \* \* \*

Eaton 4, Perry 4, Turnbull 3, Radcliffe 3, Curran 5, Stone 5, Trebilcock 3, Iswadi 3, Lindsay 3, Mostyn 3, Ainslie 3 (Bendall, second half, 3).

TOTAL: 39.

Coach: L. Scheinflug.

Tuinman 2, Izatt 3 (Thamnidis 58 min.), Rudic 3, Bell 3, Palmer 3, Stowell 4 (Barbottis, second half, 3), Ile (sent off 87 min.), Harding (sent off 87 min.), Manuel 2, Carrizo 3, Brankin 3.

TOTAL: 26.

Coach: Z. Rasic.

Match rating: \* \* \* \*

Kennedy 4, McGinn 3, Jenkins 4, Clarke 3, McGhee 3, Russell 4, Blues 4 (McGovern 75 min.), Rooney 5, Ollerton 5, Del Forno 3 (Pollard 82 min.), Butler 5.

TOTAL: 43.

Coach: T. Anderson.

Murray 4, Degney 4, Jones 3, Robertson 4, Sinclair 4, Richards (sent off), Byrne 3, Campbell 3, Mariani 4 (Griffiths 85 min.), Colusso 4, Millen 3.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: R. Richards.

Match rating: \* \* \* \*

Coe 4, Fekete 4, Mowbray 4, Watkiss 3, Marnoch 4, Mackay 3, Watson 4 (Tracey 60 min.), Porter 3, Fletcher 2, Morrow 2, Mullen 3.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: D. MacLaren.

Fraser 4, Utjesenovic 3, Coton 3, Schaefer 3, Williams 3, Hamilton 3, Grosse 4, Abonyi 3, Warren 3, Smith 2, Stoddart 5.

TOTAL: 36.

Coach: J. Warren.

Match rating: \* \* \*

Corry 4, G. Smith 3, Nixon 4, Duma 3, Brady 3, Clarke 4, Sullivan 4, Wignall 3, Yaager 3, D. Smith 4, Turner 3.

TOTAL: 38.

Coach: R. Foster.

The match held its interest because of Auburn's ability to work the ball well without being able to score their second goal until the 76th minute, and in spite of Sutherland's lack of ideas and pattern. Marston's plan clearly was to crush Sutherland along their left, and they produced no counter to lessen the process and the inevitable result. Alan Gibson was particularly adept at switching play from left-back to the right, and many of the passes that came back in from that direction were well-placed along the ground and ready to receive attention. Two balls from keen-as-ever Dave Keddie, one a rebound from the base of the post, found Derek Sidey in typically forward positions, and his long suit is slipping the ball into open goals. Sidey all but had a third which Ron Griffiths swooped to turn off the goal-line, and Keddie was unlucky not to have had one or two as well.

Crowd: 411.

Referee: P. Rampley.

— KEITH GILMOUR

A draw was a good result when you count the chances missed by both teams. The two sides were over-anxious to score life-saving goals. Because of this spectators saw little constructive play and a lot of thoughtless kicking. Canterbury's Joe Whitehead was unlucky in the 32nd minute when a well controlled drop-shot from 25 metres out found the net, but was ruled no-goal by referee Tony Boskovic because a Canterbury team-mate was in an off-side position. Seventeen minutes into the second half a freekick taken by Ross Brown beat goalie Bracklow, rebounded off the upright to Larry Armytage, who pushed the ball into the open goal. This seemed to spur Yugal-Prague on, but their equaliser only came from a penalty given away by Matt Guildea.

Crowd: 1,150.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

— DOUG WENDT

Mostyn's 78th minute winner was hotly disputed by the Safeway players. Linesman Clasby flagged off-side as Iswadi picked up a pass in the right wing position — the Indonesian's cross was nudged home by Mostyn. Sixty seconds earlier Bendall broke through the United defence and shot wide with a great chance. Peter Wilson was the only player booked, but referee Tim Davies awarded well over 30 free-kicks for niggling fouls, late tackles and offsides. A disappointing first half saw Mostyn head on to the bar and Lindsay blast the rebound over the top from close range. Neither side was prepared to go forward in a dour, uninspiring struggle which did little to stir the blood of the small crowd. The well-marshalled Wests defence, with Curran and Stone dominating figures, was rarely in trouble and only McGrotty looked capable of breaking their cover.

Crowd: 1,543.

Referee: T. Davies.

— PAUL POSETTI

APIA returned to the winning list with a vengeance. After a tentative opening stanza, in which Hellenic sneaked in a tremendous 20-metre goal by Dave Harding, APIA took charge and once Terry Butler had notched up a 29th minute equaliser there was only one team in it. Ollerton and Butler were at the top of their forms and turned the Pan Hellenic defence inside-out. Though APIA more than deserved their important win, two of their goals were scored with the help of the Hellenic goalie Jan Tuinman, whose cross blunders let Butler and Ollerton in and demoralised his team-mates. The match ended on a sour note with the simultaneous 87th minute expulsions of Harding and Ile. The big crowd got its moneys worth this time as there was plenty of end-to-end play and several first-class moves.

Crowd: 5,385.

Referee: A. McKenzie.

— LOU GAUTIER

Feeling the pinch of having to play two games within 24 hours Hakoah were never in this game, which Marconi completely dominated. However, none of the glory should be taken away from Marconi, who regained some of their old zest to collect two well earned points. Youngsters Colusso and Mariani, despite their lack of experience, chased every ball and combined well to force the Hakoah defence into errors. It was a hard fought, exciting game which Marconi won in midfield where Ray Richards, Bill Sinclair and Stewart Robertson were always in control, never allowing Hakoah to set-up attacking movements. Mowbray and Fekete tried hard to get their forwards going with their overlapping, but Hakoah never clicked.

Crowd: 1,550.

Referee: R. Lorenc.

— CHARLES SPITERI

It's a great recipe for two points to catch St. George after a hard Saturday game against Hakoah, but Croatia's win cannot be discounted that easily. Brady, Wignall and Derek Smith all took the field in spite of injuries suffered on Friday night, and at times their physio Alan Gibson was on the field as much as the players. Souths' confidence, boosted by the reluctant Saints and the canny tactics of Rex Foster, grew as they played the left wing and allowed the right to stay wide open. St. George, for whom John Stoddart played a masterly hand, forced back early in the second half but they didn't score and Souths didn't crack. After Dennis Yaager had goaled from a perfectly placed Derek Smith freekick Souths found even more confidence, and Maurice Sullivan and Dennis Yaager fanned out to continue their domination of the centre strip. A big hand, too, for Nigel Clarke, superb on the day.

Crowd: 1,515.

Referee: G. Warne.

— KEITH GILMOUR

# TABLES

## FIRST DIVISION

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	18	1	—	59	8	37
Wests	15	2	3	42	20	31
APIA	11	4	3	29	11	26
St. George	11	1	7	40	30	23
Marconi	6	5	8	23	26	17
Sutherland	7	3	9	18	23	17
Auburn	6	3	10	18	23	15
Safeway	6	3	9	17	29	15
Yugal-Prague	6	2	11	16	33	14
Canterbury	5	3	12	21	39	13
Pan Hellenic	3	6	9	13	24	12
Croatia	4	2	13	11	42	10

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Marconi	14	4	1	38	9	32
Wests	10	5	5	29	19	25
Safeway	10	4	3	27	17	24
Croatia	9	5	6	29	20	22
Hakoah	10	3	6	24	16	23
Sutherland	6	8	4	26	21	20
St. George	7	4	8	30	29	18
APIA	6	3	8	27	22	15
Auburn	4	5	9	12	21	13
Canterbury	6	1	13	16	36	13
Pan Hellenic	5	1	14	14	30	11
Yugal-Prague	2	3	14	10	42	7

## SECOND DIVISION

(First Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Granville	14	4	1	54	18	32
Balgownie	15	1	4	49	20	31
Manly	10	5	5	30	19	25
Melita Eagles	8	6	5	32	25	22
Guildford	8	6	6	38	39	22
Rapid R'side	6	5	6	22	21	18
Marrickville	7	3	9	34	38	17
Corinthians	4	7	9	24	34	15
Polonia	5	5	9	23	41	15
Bankstown	6	2	9	25	33	14
Newtown	2	8	9	17	34	12
NS-Inter	1	5	13	17	42	7

(Second Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Granville	13	3	3	61	14	29
Balgownie	13	3	2	44	16	29
Melita Eagles	12	3	4	36	21	27
Manly	11	4	4	45	19	26
Bankstown	10	4	5	28	19	24
Polonia	9	1	9	40	48	19
Guildford	6	3	10	43	35	15
Corinthians	6	2	10	30	39	14
NS-Inter	7	—	11	24	50	14
Marrickville	6	—	12	29	55	12
Rapid R'side	5	1	11	27	58	11
Newtown	1	3	13	11	37	5

(Third Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	16	1	2	55	7	33
Bankstown	13	3	2	37	14	29
Balgownie	11	5	1	58	12	27
Granville	9	4	5	20	14	22
Guildford	9	3	7	36	23	21
Polonia	7	6	6	33	25	20
NS-Inter	6	3	9	25	36	15
Melita Eagles	5	2	12	21	36	12
Newtown	2	8	7	15	35	12
Corinthians	3	4	10	20	37	10
Rapid R'side	1	7	8	10	35	9
Marrickville	1	4	4	15	68	6

## THIRD DIVISION

(First Grade)

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Nth. Dist.	14	2	3	52	22	30
Ku-ring-gai	14	2	4	37	15	30
Arncliffe	12	4	3	44	15	28
West Ryde	12	3	5	37	25	28
Warringah	11	2	6	42	23	24
Revesby	6	4	9	33	28	16
C'town	7	2	11	22	35	16
Wentworth	6	3	10	34	47	15
W. Sutherland	4	4	10	30	48	12
Uni. NSW	2	8	10	28	47	12
Gladesville	3	5	12	26	45	11
Belmore	3	5	11	18	41	11

## INTER-SUBURBAN

FIRST DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Toongabbie	14	5	—	54	14	33
Queens Park	11	5	3	46	18	27
Chelsea	10	7	4	56	37	27
Bondi	10	6	4	36	21	26
Blacktown	11	3	5	49	26	25
Riverstone	8	4	7	58	38	20
Yagoona	10	—	9	36	37	20
Greenwich	7	4	9	40	51	18
Nepean	6	4	9	47	36	16
Concordia	3	3	14	30	70	9
W. St. George	4	1	15	25	73	9
Arncliffe	1	2	17	23	79	4

SECOND DIVISION

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Padstow Pk.	13	4	2	50	24	30
Revesby	13	2	4	58	29	28
Eastwood	11	2	7	53	37	24
Lethbridge	9	4	7	46	41	22
Artarmon	8	5	7	35	30	21
Maroubra	9	3	8	41	39	21
Holroyd	7	6	7	33	29	20
Sydney Uni.	7	5	7	38	32	19
Lane Cove	6	4	9	28	38	16



# CHAMPIONSHIP 1974

## EIGHT FIRST DIVISION GAMES

### AT THE WEEKEND

#### ROUND 21

— By LOU GAUTIER —

Eight First Division matches will be played this weekend when a deferred fixture will again be staged on Friday evening to catch up on games deferred while the Socceroos were on World Cup duty.

The battle is again on in earnest at the top and at the bottom of the ladder with every single match having a bearing on both ends of the table.

The outlooks for another crowded weekend as I see them:

#### Auburn v. APIA

Auburn have been something of a hoodoo team for APIA in the past few seasons, but if last week's form means anything they could lick the hoodoo in Saturday's deferred match.

APIA certainly have everything to play for. If they beat Auburn and if the same Auburn defeats Hakoah the next day the title could be APIA's, provided they win their remaining three matches.

A tall order perhaps? But not out of the realm of possibility — and something extra special for them to play for.

I tip: APIA.

#### Marconi v. Yugal-Prague

The winner of Friday's deferred match at Bossley Park will breathe easier as its relegation worries will have eased considerably — all but vanished, actually, if Marconi come out on top.

Past matches between this pair at Bossley Park were usually for top placings on the table and invariably produced plenty of action and good football.

Both teams will be forgiven this week if they forget about the niceties of the game and

knuckle down to a slugging fight to the death.

I tip: Marconi.

#### Pan Hellenic v. Western Suburbs

The teams meet twice in 24 hours, with Saturday's match at Wentworth Park a deferred game.

Saturday's winner will have a big psychological and moral edge for Sunday's match at Drummoyne Oval.

There is very little between the two teams.

West's are the stronger in defence, Pan Hellenic have more creative ability in attack, though you wouldn't have guessed it against APIA.

I wouldn't be surprised if each collected two points over their crowded weekend.

#### Canterbury v. St. George

The Berries cannot relish the prospect of facing a most emphatically resurgent Saints, last Sunday's defeat against Croatia notwithstanding.

John Warren can take a bow for his successful coaching debut.

Full marks also to every player, without exception, for pulling their weight as never before.

Canterbury's record at Arlington this year gives them some reason for hoping, but even a draw would be an upset.

I tip: St. George.

#### Hakoah v. Auburn

Hakoah cannot afford to falter until the end of the championship.

Their grip on the title loosened last weekend though



This shot at goal by Canterbury's ace striker Steve Keri caught his Yugal-Prague opponent Ray Rootsey by surprise in last Sunday's 1-1 draw at Marks Field.

they still look the best bet for the premiership.

Auburn, with nothing to lose, will be in a much more relaxed mood.

Never an easy side to out-manoeuvre, the Tangerines may give Hakoah something to think about, but if the home team can shake off the Blues on Sunday they will have taken a giant step towards retaining their title.

I tip: Hakoah.

#### APIA v. Marconi

Despite Marconi's low standing this year the Italian derby at Lambert Park will certainly draw the biggest crowd of the round.

There is still a lot of (friendly) rivalry between the

two clubs — and APIA have so much at stake.

I must plump for APIA who played so well last week. They do look stronger in most departments, but if Ray Richards can lift enough of his team-mates to his splendid current level, the boys from the bush could kill their city cousins' slim premiership hopes.

I tip: APIA.

#### Sutherland v. Yugal-Prague

Yugal-Prague could be feeling the effects of Friday's match against Marconi when they travel to Seymour Shaw Park for another very important game on Sunday.

They were lucky to snatch a draw last week to keep their noses in front of Canterbury.

Yugal can expect no mercy from Sutherland, who will be as tough to beat as always at home.

Better teams than Yugal-Prague have bit the Miranda dust, so Sretan Dacevski's boys can brace themselves for a hectic afternoon.

I tip: A draw.

#### Croatia v. Safeway

Croatia, triumphant after a rare "double" over St. George this season, are admirably equipped to officially end Safeway's top four bid.

I doubt whether United's morale will be too high after last week's defeat by Wests.

Croatia, disappointing against Hellenic, showed against Saints why they are one of the real form teams — again — in the run to the championship wire.

It will take a reversal of last Sunday's forms for Peter Wilson's team to repeat their recent win at Marks Field against Yugal-Prague.

I tip: Croatia.

## REFEREES

First Division: Marconi v. Yugal-Prague — F. Sbis; Pan Hellenic v. Wests — P. Rampley; Canterbury v. St. George — T. Davies; APIA v. Auburn — G. Warren; Wests v. Pan Hellenic — F. Sbis; Croatia v. Safeway — B. Wilkinson; Sutherland v. Yugal-Prague — R. Lorenc; Hakoah v. Auburn — A. McKenzie; APIA v. Marconi — A. Boskovic.

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## Deferred games

#### Croatia v. Pan Hellenic 0-2

Croatia were no match for a back-to-form Pan Hellenic at Marks Field last Friday evening.

In the 38th minute Carrizo, after a quick "1-2" with Manuel, beat Corry easily and when Harding converted a penalty after Brankin was floored in the 56th minute the game was Hellenic's for the keeping.

Croatia kept pumping long balls to Derek Smith, but he was almost always out-jumped, with young Richard Bell particularly effective.

Croatia: Corry 3, G. Smith 3, Nixon 3, Sullivan 4, Brady 4, Whalley 3, Doyle 3 (Duma 69 min.), Wignall 4, Yaeger 3, D. Smith 3, Turner 3.

Pan Hellenic: Tuinman 4, Izatt 4, Rudic 4, Bell 4, Palmer 4, Stowell 4, Ile 3, Harding 4, Manuel 3, Carrizo 3 (Thamnidis 64 min.), Brankin 4.

Scorers: Carrizo 38 min., Harding 56 min. (penalty). Referee: F. Sbis. Crowd: 1,245.

— BILL VROLYKS

#### Hakoah v. St. George 0-3

Saints displayed their best form for some time when they outclassed the competition leaders in last Saturday's deferred match at Wentworth Park.

Hakoah were never in the game, the incredibly mobile Saints' superiority being clearly evident from start to finish of a match the terms of which they always dictated.

Hakoah's few scoring chances were squandered by inept finishing or thwarted by some fine goalkeeping by Jim Fraser.

Hakoah: Coe 3, Fekete 3, Mowbray 3, Watkiss 3, Marnoch 3, Mackay 3, Watson 3, Dolan 3 (Porter, second half, 3), Fletcher 3, Morrow 2, Barnes 2.

St. George: Fraser 4, G. Harris 4, Coton 4, Utjesenovic 4, Williams 5, Hamilton 4, Grosse 4 (McDonald 83 min.), Abonyi 4, Warren 4, T. Smith 2, Stoddart 5.

Scorers: Stoddart 22 min., Abonyi 43 and 81 mins., for St. George. Referee: F. Sbis. Crowd: 2,453.

— LOU GAUTIER

## TEAM OF THE WEEK

EATON (Wests)  
WHITEHEAD (Canter.)  
GIBSON (Auburn)  
ROBERTSON (Marconi)  
WILLIAMS (St. George)  
STONE (Wests)  
SULLIVAN (Croatia)  
ROONEY (APIA)  
OLLERTON (APIA)  
COLUSSO (Marconi)  
STODDART (St. George)

## RESULT SCOREBOARD

	Hakoah	Marconi	St. George	Wests	APIA	Safeway	Yugal-Prague	Croatia	Pan Hellenic	Auburn	Sutherland	Canterbury
Hakoah	●	1-1	0-3	0-3	2-1	1-1	5-0	2-0	1-0	4-1	8-0	
Marconi	1-0	●	1-1	1-1	2-1	0-1		0-0	0-2	0-1	0-0	2-0
St. George	2-0	3-2	●	0-1	0-2	2-0	2-2	0-1	2-0	2-1		6-1
Wests	1-0	0-1	0-1	●	1-3	2-0	2-2	1-0		2-0	3-0	2-2
APIA	0-1		2-1	3-1	●	2-2	2-2	4-0	1-1	3-2	0-0	3-0
Safeway	3-3	3-2	0-1	0-1	2-1	●	2-2	2-0	1-0	0-1	2-0	
Yugal-Prague		1-1	3-0	1-1	0-4	0-1	●	3-1	1-2	0-1	0-1	1-1
Croatia	1-2	2-0	2-0	2-1	0-1		3-1	●	0-2	3-2	3-0	5-5
Pan Hellenic	2-3	1-0	3-2		1-3	1-1	1-1		●	2-0	1-0	6-1
Auburn	1-4		0-1	1-3		2-1	1-1	0-1	2-1	●	2-0	2-0
Sutherland	0-3	1-0	0-3	1-1		1-0		3-3	2-2	3-1	●	1-0
Canterbury	0-3	1-1		0-0	3-2	0-3	1-0	0-0	3-0	1-2	1-3	●

## TEAMS

#### CANTERBURY

FORRESTER  
WHITEHEAD  
HADLEY  
MULLEN  
GUILDEA  
VENABLES  
ANGELOPOULOS  
KERI  
BIBBY  
R. BROWN  
ARMYTAGE

#### ST. GEORGE

FRASER  
G. HARRIS  
COTON  
SCHAEFER  
UTJESNOVIC  
STODDART  
GROSSE  
ABONYI  
WARREN  
HAMILTON  
J. McDONALD

#### PAN HELLENIC

TUINMAN  
THAMNIDIS  
RUDIC  
BARBOUTTIS  
BELL  
STOWELL  
CULLEDON  
HARDING  
MANUEL  
CARRIZO  
BRANKIN

#### WESTS

T. EATON  
PERRY  
TURNBULL  
RADCLIFFE  
CURRAN  
STONE  
TREBILCOCK  
ISWADI  
LINDSAY  
MOSTYN  
BENDALL

#### CROATIA

CORRY  
G. SMITH  
NIXON  
DARVILL  
BRADY  
WHALLEY  
DOYLE  
WIGNALL  
D. SMITH  
SULLIVAN  
TURNER

#### SAFEGWAY

HESFORD  
ROBERTS  
WILSON  
GLEESON  
THOMPSON  
STONEHOUSE  
FRYER  
MCGROTTY  
DODD  
TOLSON  
CROWE

#### SUTHERLAND

MAHER  
BRANSON  
BENNETT  
WYKES  
R. GRIFFITHS  
BOURKE  
P. THOMPSON  
DALE  
L. SMITH  
CACCIOLA  
GRAY

#### YUGAL-PRAGUE

BRACKLOW  
HARCUMBE  
Z. TRKULJA  
VELKOVSKI  
ROOTSEY  
S. McDONALD  
PURAC  
MIHAJLOVIC  
SRDAREVIC  
KUZMANOV  
TAKAC

#### HAKOAH

COE  
FEKETE  
MOWBRAY  
WATKISS  
MARNOC  
MACKAY  
WATSON  
MUNIZ  
FLETCHER  
MORROW  
DOLAN

#### AUBURN

HOSZOWSKI  
LAWSON  
GIBSON  
MALONE  
HUCKER  
McMILLAN  
SIDEY  
WALKER  
DELLER  
KEDDIE  
CORNETT

#### APIA

KENNEDY  
McGINN  
JENKINS  
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## European Championship timetable 1974/75

### September

- 1.9 Finland v. Poland  
4.9 Norway v. N. Ireland  
4.9 Austria v. Wales  
8.9 Iceland v. Belgium  
25.9 Denmark v. Spain  
25.9 Finland v. Holland

### October

- 9.10 Poland v. Finland  
12.10 E. Germany v. Iceland  
12.10 Belgium v. France  
13.10 Luxembourg v. Hungary  
13.10 Denmark v. Rumania  
13.10 Bulgaria v. Greece  
30.10 Yugoslavia v. Norway  
30.10 Wales v. Hungary  
30.10 Sweden v. N. Ireland  
30.10 England v. Czechoslovakia  
30.10 Eire v. USSR

### November

- 16.11 France v. E. Germany  
20.11 Wales v. Luxembourg  
20.11 England v. Portugal  
20.11 Scotland v. Spain  
20.11 Holland v. Italy  
20.11 Turkey v. Eire  
20.11 Greece v. W. Germany

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### February

- 5.2 Cyprus v. England  
5.2 Spain v. Scotland  
23.2 Malta v. Greece

### March

- 16.3 Luxembourg v. Austria  
16.3 N. Ireland v. Yugoslavia

### April

- 2.4 Austria v. Hungary  
2.4 USSR v. Turkey  
16.4 Hungary v. Wales  
16.4 England v. Cyprus  
17.4 Spain v. Rumania  
19.4 Italy v. Poland  
20.4 Czechoslovakia v. Cyprus  
26.4 Bulgaria v. W. Germany  
30.4 Czechoslovakia v. Portugal  
30.4 Switzerland v. Turkey

### May

- 1.5 Luxembourg v. Wales  
11.5 Rumania v. Denmark  
11.5 Eire v. Switzerland  
18.5 USSR v. Eire  
21.5 Switzerland v. Eire  
25.5 Iceland v. France

### June

- 1.6 Rumania v. Scotland  
4.6 Greece v. Malta  
4.6 Sweden v. Yugoslavia  
5.6 Finland v. Italy  
5.6 Iceland v. E. Germany  
8.6 Cyprus v. Portugal  
9.6 Norway v. Yugoslavia  
11.6 Bulgaria v. Malta  
30.6 Sweden v. Norway

### August

- 13.8 Norway v. Sweden  
20.8 Holland v. Finland

### September

- 3.9 N. Ireland v. Sweden  
3.9 France v. Iceland  
3.9 Denmark v. Scotland  
6.9 Belgium v. Iceland  
10.9 Poland v. Holland  
24.9 Hungary v. Austria  
27.9 Belgium v. E. Germany  
27.9 Italy v. Finland

### October

- 11.10 W. Germany v. Greece  
11.10 E. Germany v. France  
12.10 Spain v. Denmark  
12.10 Switzerland v. USSR  
15.10 Yugoslavia v. Sweden  
15.10 Austria v. Luxembourg  
19.10 Hungary v. Luxembourg  
25.10 Poland v. Italy  
29.10 Czechoslovakia v. England  
29.10 N. Ireland v. Norway  
29.10 Scotland v. Denmark  
19.10 Eire v. Turkey

### November

- 12.11 USSR v. Switzerland  
12.11 Portugal v. Czechoslovakia  
15.11 Rumania v. Spain  
19.11 Wales v. Austria  
19.11 Yugoslavia v. N. Ireland  
19.11 Portugal v. England  
19.11 W. Germany v. Bulgaria  
22.11 Italy v. Holland  
23.11 Cyprus v. Czechoslovakia  
23.11 Turkey v. USSR

### December

- 3.12 Portugal v. Cyprus  
17.12 Scotland v. Rumania  
21.12 Malta v. Bulgaria  
26.12 W. Germany v. Malta

**Joao Havelange**, the new FIFA president, is in favor of the Argentinian plan for the 1978 World Cup finals. The 20 teams would be drawn into four groups of five; the group winners would meet in the semifinals and the winners of those in the final. This would reduce the number of matches any team can possibly play from seven to six.

● More than 12,000 fans turned out for Barcelona's first training session at their Nou Camp Stadium to see Johan Neeskens, Johan Cruyff and manager Rinus Michels reunited for the first time since the World Cup.

● The Dutch FA will stage First Division games on Saturdays for the first time next season.

● Johan Cruyff accepts responsibility for Holland's defeat in the World Cup final in a book which has just been published. Cruyff, however, doesn't offer any explanation for his subdued performance against West Germany at Munich's Olympic Stadium.

● Next week's annual international tournament in Casablanca, Morocco, will feature local champions Beni-Mellal, Ferencvaros, Chorzow (Poland) and Uruguay's Penarol.

● Barcelona will spend a week before the start of the Spanish championship later this month at the Socceroos' Hamburg World Cup headquarters, the Ochsenzoll Sports Centre at Norderstedt. They are the guests of Uwe Seeler, whose Hamburger SV owns the complex.

● Vasco de Gama won the Brazilian Cup beating Cruzeiro 2-1 in the final. Ademir and Jorginho scored for Vasco, Nelinho for Cruzeiro.

● The planned European "Super Cup final" between Bayern Munchen and FC Magdeburg has been called off after the East Germans have declined to play the proposed two matches, on September 17 and October 1.

● Jimmy Andrews, an Aberdonian who played with Dundee FC as a winger in the early 50's and who since has had several coaching posts in England including a considerable spell with Queens Park Rangers, is the new manager of Cardiff City, having taken over from Frank O'Farrell, now coach of Iran.

● Alfredo Di Stefano has signed as coach of the Portuguese Sporting Lisbon. Previously he was with Spain's Valencia for four seasons.

● A large-scale development plan is being finalised in Mexico, involving the establishment of several hundred "soccer schools" where former great players would be employed.

● More than 50 foreigners play in French First Division clubs, the majority of them Yugoslavs.

● Istvan Szoke, the former Ferencvaros striker who, with his wife, didn't return to Budapest from a holiday in Belgium, is expected to sign for the West German Rot-Weiss Essen. Szoke expects to be suspended for only three months for his illegal exit.

● Wlodzimierz Lubanski, who missed Poland's great exploits in the World Cup because of injury, expects to make a come-back by March or April. Lubanski was seriously injured on June 6, 1973.

● Bayern Munchen played a friendly in Vienna, beating Rapid 3-2 in front of 30,000 spectators. One of the goals was scored by midfielder Franz Roth ("The Bull") whose 25-metre shot tore a hole in the Austrian net.

● Several Spanish clubs are after Brazil's Mario Marinho (not the blond defender but the other) who would not be classified as a foreign player as his mother was Spanish.

● This year's Austrian First Division will have only 10 teams who play four rounds of the competition. All clubs have large industrial sponsors, ranging from real estate through soft drinks to insurance companies.

● Ante Mladinic, the caretaker manager of the Yugoslav team, has announced his 35-strong squad for the European Championship matches later this year.

● Dynamo Kiev beat Zaria Voroshilovgrad 3-0 — after extra-time — in the final of the USSR Cup.

● Zaire's soccer is still reeling from its World Cup humiliation. Their champion club side, Vita, was eliminated in the first round of the African Cup by C.A.R.A. Vita were the holders of the trophy.

● French international goalkeeper Georges Carnus, whose wife and three daughters were killed in a car accident recently, is now off the critical list. Carnus, who was driving the family car when it was rammed by a panel van, won't be told of the tragedy for some time.

● Dynamo Kiev are the "autumn" champions of the Soviet Union. They had a three-point lead over Zenith Leningrad at the halfway mark of the championship.

● Denis Law is the star of a film revolving around the recent World Cup finals which also features pop singer Rod Stewart. Some of the film's commentary will be spoken by Sean Connery of James Bond fame.

● Thailand has staged the first soccer match in history between, wait for it, elephants! Some 2,000 people turned out to watch what could only be described as a battle of the giants. Yes, a goal was scored. The Blue team won 1-0. No, the losers were not pink elephants.

● Sweden's brilliant striker, Ralf Edstrom, one of the top forwards in the World Cup finals, is tipped to join Real Madrid next week. His Dutch club, PSV Eindhoven, is willing to let him go for \$250,000, though his contract runs until 1976. Real's new Yugoslav coach Milan Miljanic rated Edstrom the best centre-forward in West Germany. The tall Swede is universally regarded as the best header of the ball in the world.

● Cruyff or Cruiff? What's the correct spelling of the great Dutch star's family name? Most of the world has settled on "Cruyff" and even some of the Dutch newspapers use that version. However, the true version is "Cruiff" as in the Dutch alphabet the "ij" is taken as one vowel. To show how little he cares about such mundane things, the great star himself signs his name both ways, as the mood strikes him.

● Ace Polish winger Robert Gadocha will not be joining Bayern Munchen. His club, Legia Warsaw and the Polish Federation vetoed his application for a transfer.

## THE EUROPEAN SOCCER SCENE

— By H. A. THEILER —

West Germany's Bundesliga starts its 12th season this weekend. There are 45 internationals in the 18 clubs. Only two teams have none: VfL Bochum and Rot-Weiss Essen (with Dutch star Willi Lippens). Bayern Munich, champion and European Cup winners, boast nine internationals, representing 295 caps. Next best are Borussia Moenchengladbach 7/139, FC Koln 5/96, and Schalke 04 5/71.

The new Second Division Bundesliga is already under way. Replacing the five regional leagues, it features two groups of 20 teams, which will determine the two clubs to be promoted into the 1st Bundesliga at the end of the season. "Poormouths" like Goettingen 05, Wolfsburg, Erckenschwick, or Schwarz-Weiss Essen with budgets of \$A 100,000 and average attendances of 3,000 or slightly more, will have to try to stand the test against the wealthy Munich 1860 (budget over \$500,000), Hannover 96, Fortuna Koln and FC Nurnberg.

The Yugoslav Federation will not increase the First Division from 18 to 20 clubs, and there will be no investigation of alleged irregularities during the past season. Let bygones be bygones, seems to be the motto.

Several Swiss clubs have signed players from other countries. Lugano (Conigliaro, Argentina), Grasshoppers (Slobodan Santrac/OFK Belgrade), Lausanne Sports (Klenowski/Red Star Belgrade), Neuchatel Xamax (Mladenic Sarajevo), FC Fribourg (Radakovic/Partizan Belgrade). A real Yugoslav invasion... Santrac (28) has netted 169 goals in his career, which makes him Yugoslavia's No. 1 sharpshooter of all times. Not a bad catch for Grasshoppers of Zurich.

Dutch World Cup reserve goalie Piet Schrijvers has joined Ajax Amsterdam. He was formerly with Twente Enschede.

The Warsaw daily "Zycie Warszawy" published an alleged interview with national coach Kazimierz Gorski in which he was supposed to have said that rich Italians approached him to "force" a draw. Gorski in which he was supposed to have said that have such a good side, that they could have beaten us in a regular fashion." Author Lakasz Zielinski has now publicly apologised and withdrawn the allegation of corruption. The controversial interview was supposed to be due to a mistake.

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# NORTH KOREAN SUPER-TEAM?

The visiting football club of "Pyongyang April 25" from North Korea defeated the Japanese national team 4-0 at the Tokyo Olympic Stadium.

The result was a great shock to Japanese soccer who had to admit to the appearance of a new rival in Asia, whose style of football is quite different from other Asian football.

They were fast in every position; they were most accurate in middle-distance passing of the ball; they were strong in shooting at goal when compared with the footballers of other Asian countries.

In fact, they have created a new style of Asian football.

"We, Koreans, are not so tall and so strong as Europeans but we can react more quickly and we have more stability in the lower part of our bodies", said Pak Do Ik, the trainer of the visiting team.

"So we have been trying to create an original style of football based on our national physical characteristics."

These words were a severe criticism of Japanese football which has been imitating European football in recent years.

The "Pyongyang April 25" is not simply one of the many football clubs in the northern part of the Korean Peninsula.

It was founded in June 1972 just after their national team had suffered a humiliating loss against Iran in the preliminary tournament for the Munich Olympic Games.

The club, mainly composed of the national players of that time, was immediately admitted to the First Division of their domestic league and won the championship in 1973.

The "April 25" club has been given many opportunities to have international experience.

It participated in the DCM international tournament with teams from West Germany and Iran in Dacca, India, in September 1972, and won the trophy.

It also made a friendly visit to Singapore, Malaysia and Pakistan from February to April, 1973, and won all of its nine games.

Apparently the establishment and the promotion of the "Pyongyang April 25" club seems to be part of the effort to reconstruct a new strong team to represent the country on an international level.

The visiting "April 25" team won all of their four games in Japan.

The first two matches in Osaka and Kobe against the young Japanese selections of under-23 and under-20 were one-sided.

The scores were 4-1 and 6-0 respectively.

They also won the last match against the Japanese League selection in Tokyo by a score of 1-0.



The first, but hopefully not the last, Australian international schoolboy team as it lined up before the historic match against England in Sydney a fortnight ago.

## Let's have more top schoolboy matches

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

The first-ever schools soccer international against a world rating opponent — as was the case with the recent tour by England — is not unlike a youngster's first swimming lessons.

The lad doesn't break any world records, feels he's done well when he floats and the strokes start to come fluently, and the water he swallows is an inevitable but distasteful part of the exercise that has to be avoided when the next lesson comes around.

Thanks to the approach to the English Schools Football Association made by Western Suburbs Soccer Club director Jack Churchill last December-January and the subsequent backing of that club, and an \$8,000 Australian Government grant, a tour eventuated which for all the shortcomings revealed here put soccer in a new dimension of dedication and additional work for our boys and coaches if the boys are to prove a full success on the soccer fields of Australia and the world.

From the playing viewpoint it was apparent that if long-winded selection processes are to continue they must be completed in time to have our national, state and other representative teams prepared so far ahead that they will have an adequate period of play together.

### JUSTIFIED

It must be further accepted that the idea of using the popular under-15 group and catching the interest of youth in mid-school years was entirely justified by the results.

The Sydney public turned out in goodly number of near 11,000 — it was an excellent crowd considering that so many competitions were played on the day — and it points to the clear fact that given a fine day and a clear go by the Associations the attendance at such an annual event could run in the order of from 18,000 to 25,000.

As to the game, for a start no-one could claim that they didn't get their money's worth, and our side gave everything to hold a team, seasoned by seven international matches, to a 2-0 margin.

The view of England Schools manager Jim Morrow

was that on the display our will to succeed was such that we could perform with credit against any country that England plays.

Assistant team manager Fred Coleman was more explicit: on 1973/74 showings he felt that we would succeed on paper against France, the Netherlands and Ireland, and should be in the race against Wales and West Germany.

### TRUTH

No doubt these views have more than just a ring of truth, but the fact remains that for Australia as it stands it is not possible to play these highly proficient countries and reap the benefit of the experiences that ensue.

Thus we have to consider which way Australia should move in future.

At schools under-15 level England, Scotland, Eire, Wales, West Germany, France, Switzerland and the Netherlands compete next April-May in a big international tournament in West Germany.

This, of course, is a competition that would do our boys a power of good, but eight are in and the door is shut.

The next possibility is to invite another opponent here in July/August 1975 and/or enter the Asian Youth championships at the level of under-17.

No doubt that tournament would have its attractions and lessons, but I think that a tour by the under-15 Scots in 1975 would be the biggest winner as they were the only side to down England in 1973/74 and the tour could be expanded to give the desired number of matches in all States.

To conserve funds the tour should be conducted with, say, three visiting officials with billeting utilised, as surely a tour would have to be more economic to interest a sponsor such as Western Suburbs again.

We can worry about return trips a year or so later, but it may well be at this stage that we will receive a better

deal from Scotland, Wales and Eire than England due to the former's lesser number of competing attractions.

The recent England tour was a combined schools-juniors event for the extremely simple and valid reason that it could not be a proper success without the co-operation of both these important sections of the game.

It must have been painfully obvious to the visiting officials that there was a tremendous gap between the two sections, and this should be resolved as soon and as far as possible.

We live each day with these two basic areas of the game and they with each other, and somehow agreement will have to be forged.

English secretary Glyn Evans was quite blunt in pointing out that they will only compete at schools level, the degree of logic involved being that they formed their schools organisation first in England and therefore schools football it is for the future.

However, Asia is separate, and it is likely that any arrangements could fall to the juniors there.

Our schools are certainly not as sophisticated as the ESFA who have been playing internationals for 68 years, and close supervision of

schools international affairs will certainly be given by the ASF.

It is one thing for the Australian Schools Federation to be self-directing, it is entirely different if it does not fit into the Australian football pattern.

Western Suburbs lost some \$7,000 on this excellent venture, which with co-operation would have broken even, and surely organisations will have to accept a share of the financial responsibility in future.

It is an idle and destructive pastime to castigate schools and juniors for any shortcomings as all concerned have to learn to bring from the increasing multitudes of juniors the quality that we need.

### EXPERIENCED

This time we gave away four months in age, which we can ill afford. Again, we must dig into the Federation clubs for experienced under-15 boys to use them as well as the amateur boys to stay in the race and players must be developed more closely from the youth championships of the previous year.

We have huge problems of distance that very few nations experience, but it is up to us to overcome them.

## Americans are super-optimists

— By JIM COOK —

The United States of America will win the World Cup by 1996!

Who says so? The men behind the USA National League which has had a successful season both from the playing view and also from attendances despite the far-flung travels of the 16 participating sides.

Make no mistake about the Yanks, who often rated as boosters in sport, are nevertheless realists, and when they say they have soccer off-the-ground through their gigantic and expensive cartel of promotions and publicity, anyone would be extremely foolish to disregard this.

It may also be a boast that they now have more schoolboys and juniors playing the round ball game in the USA than anywhere else in the world.

But maybe it's true as the work of their former Welsh international Phil Woosnam, the top man in soccer over there with his henchman Clive Toye, a former Fleet Street soccer journalist, begins to bear fruition.

Vast resources are being poured into the game in the USA and they are placing the emphasis on local born and bred youngsters instead of depending so much as they have done in the past on immigrants.

Several draw-backs, however, haunt the game and playing on artificial pitches is not conducive to producing top players in all sorts of world soccer conditions and there are some who reckon that once soccer attains the show-biz image like gridiron and baseball it's prospects of reaching the World Cup finals will be remote.

● **FOOTNOTE** — Vancouver Whitecaps, bottom of their section and failing to qualify for the finals of the NAPL championship, averaged over 10,000 at their home games this season.





# SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION GRANVILLE VIRTUALLY PROMOTED NEXT YEAR

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

The defeat of Balgownie by Manly at the weekend virtually sealed Granville's promotion to First Division next season as they top the Second Division table with a game in hand.

At the other end of the ladder North Sydney-Inter broke the ice with their first win of the season against Bankstown, but their task is still of enormous proportions as Newtown picked up another point, off Melita Eagles.

## Manly v. Balgownie 2-0

Manly just about put paid to Balgownie's chances of winning promotion this season. In the first half both defences held well with play pretty even, but Manly started to come good towards the end of this half.

Five minutes after the break Vince Jackson, who had a tremendous game in midfield, laid on a brilliant pass for Gosling to hit into the net.

Twenty minutes later Lester Petts sidestepped the defence, crossing the ball to Ken Mallam, who hit it on the run first-time past Frank Haffey.

Manly: Woods, Johnson, Stocks, Blue, Hutchinson, Mallam (1), Roozendaal, Jackson, Potts, Crawford, Gosling (1).

Balgownie: Haffey, Luck, Kemp, Mathias, Hurley, Langford, McGunigle, Tinney, Eady, Lavan, Freeme (Ronald).

## Rapid v. Granville 0-1

Despite the score, Granville were always in command.

The only goal came in the 15th minute when Chris Spilarewicz volleyed a shot which struck a defender and the ball, rolling to the feet of

Billy Fraser, was slammed at the back of the net in a flash.

Rapid looked stronger after half-time, but although Granville backpedalled slightly, they always had the measure of the opposition.

Granville: Watson, Selfridge, Omaye, Brown, Gardiner, Waters, Spilarewicz, Gilmore, Ham, Allen, Fraser (1).

## Guildford v. Marrickville 1-2

Steve Hardy put Marrickville in front midway through the first half with a superb header following a corner.

The Wanderers equalised in the 60th minute with a tremendous goal by Graham Robinson from a pass by Williams.

Against the run of play Marrickville grabbed the winning goal from a freekick well taken by Andy Pondekas.

Guildford: Wilson (Miles), Perle, Fraser, Birchall, Schofield, Dobbin, Lowe, Coleman, Robinson (1), Christie, Stephenson (Williams).

Marrickville: McDonald, W. Mackin, Brettie, Pondekas (1), McGurin, Hanlon, Hardy (1), McCulloch, Reilly, Henshaw, Nicholls (Mumford).

## NS-Inter v. Bankstown 3-2

In a hard match at North Sydney, Inter had to come twice from behind in the first half to equalise after Bankstown had scored earlier.

They grabbed the winning goal 10 minutes after the interval and for the first time this season they held out to the end to get two points.

NS-Inter: Wupper, Impelezeri, Ortega, Thompson, Foster, Lloyd, Spresian, Ledesma, Olmedo (1), Vitale (1), Sommer (1).

## Polonia v. Corinthians 1-2

Two goals — one in each half — by Alan Newtown gave Corinthians full points.

Corinthians, the better team on the day, led 1-0 at half-time and added another goal two minutes after the interval.

Polonia hit back in the 65th minute when Russell King crashed home a neat pass in the top corner.

The game roughened up towards the end and Polewski of Polonia was sent off five minutes from fulltime.

Corinthians: Richardson, McCulloch, Rhodes, Matthews, Jagger, Palmer, Denha, Hendry, Stevens, A. Evans, Newtown (2).

Polonia: Szaddy, Round, Zounis, Kaines, Mula, Wills, Urbas, Prokurat, Robson, Polewski, King (1).

## Newtown v. Melita Eagles 0-0

In a scrappy and rugged game, Melita Eagles held the edge throughout, but could not get the ball into the net despite some very good attacks.

Newtown played for a draw with tight marking and blotted Joe Farrugia out of the game.

Melita Eagles: Stewart, Cook, Ferguson, D. McCausland, Matthews, McKinnon (Van Blerk), Huntley, Farrugia, Bankhead, Sciberras, Vrolyks.

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# COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Round 17 State League fixtures for this weekend are as follows:

● Saturday: Hakoah v. Slavia, JUST v. Mooroolbark.

● Sunday: Wilhelmina v. George Cross, Austria v. SM Hellas, Alexander v. Juventus, Polonia v. Melbourne.

First Division fixtures (second last round) for this weekend:

● Saturday: Keilor City v. St. Albans, Box Hill v. Yallourn, Essendon Lions v. Preston, Albion Rovers v. Altona City.

● Sunday: Green Gully v. Frankston City, Western Suburbs v. Sunshine City.

George Cross, who have been beset with problems at their temporary home, Martin Reserve, in Fawkner, will play the remainder of their home games at JUST's Schintler Reserve in Footscray.

While the Metropolitan League Management Committee's far-reaching proposals for the reorganisation of soccer's set-up in 1976 merits some consideration, it has "Buckley's Hope" of going through unless some of the State League clubs do an about-turn and vote with the Metro Divisions. One proposition to increase the size of the leagues to 14 instead of 12 at present won't cut any ice — anywhere.

Some time ago George Cross announced they may make a tour which would include matches in Singapore and Malta at the end of the season. Now SM-Hellas say they too are planning a trip to Singapore. We have had plenty of these reports in the past, but so far not one Victorian side has ever got to the stage of getting outside Australia.

Frank Donnachie, who joined Alexander not long back, has turned out one of the top strikers in the State League. Frank played for the Scottish junior side Broxburn Athletic before coming to Australia.

Slavia have repeated their slump of last season when for the first half of the program they looked set to having a chance of winning their first-ever State League title. And the same has happened this year.

Mike De Bruyckere, who has had some limited success in his first season as coach to Polonia, is reasonably confident he can hoist the club a little further up the table and so ensure a place in the 1975 Ampol Cup.

Peter Gray, the Polonia fullback cum forward who has been on the sidelines most of the season because of a dispute over his permanent transfer from Azzurri, recently came back into the side and has stiffened the defence.

Former FIFA referee Roger Lamb has two young sons following in his footsteps as junior whistlers while another leading referee Dave Maintland, now retired, reckons that fit and active men-in-the-middle should be allowed to continue after they reach 50.

Brian Edgeley, the former Wilhelmina and Balgownie player, now player-coach of Mooroolbark, has scored half his team's total of goals so far this season.

One can't help feeling sorry for the plight of Keilor-Austria, stuck hard and fast on the bottom of the State League and a certainty to be relegated. With no ground of their own they have to pay rental for the use of JUST's Schintler Reserve and at most of their games so far they would not have sufficient gate takings to cover even one-tenth of their costs.

Waverley were the first Metro side to clinch promotion this season and this young and progressive club jump up to the First Division in 1975.

Anton Dozen, the Yugoslav-born midfielder of Hakoah who had been sidelined for a few weeks through dispute with the club, recently resolved his problems and bounced back with a great display against JUST.

— JIM COOK

## INTER-SUBURBAN SCENE

# Toongabbie are home and hosed!

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

With second-placed Queens Park only securing one point from two meetings with Blacktown Spartans at the weekend, Toongabbie came home 3-2 winners over revitalised West St. George and placed themselves in an unassailable position and poised to advance up the tree into Federation Third Division.

Toongabbie led 3-0 at half-time and shrugged off a spirited West St. George revival in the second half.

Scoring for the winners were John Keddie (2), and big Phil Wilcox shook off a dose of flu to score the third.

In the first Blacktown-Queen's Park clash at Francis Park Allan Sharpe was the Blacktown scorer in a match that was a fair result but produced little good football from either side.

Sunday's game brought a complete change around, and both sides didn't let up. Bill Durstan scored Blacktown's winner 12 minutes into the second half and the team went close on a couple of occasions.

Dennis Tooes looked like cracking a 30-metre shot that didn't quite make it.

Blacktown 'keeper Wolf Bullmann was KO'd for 10 minutes after he went up and took a ball, but the reverse didn't worry Blacktown unduly.

For Blacktown, Joe Ber, who came up from the reserves on Sunday, was the star of the defence.

## BONDI 3-1

Bondi took Riverstone 3-1 on Saturday, scoring first in the 43rd minute when Alec Gardiner sent a high ball from the left touchline over the defence.

Alan Ward charged through, headed around the goalkeeper and deftly touched the ball in.

John Carter made no mistake with the next as he crashed a left foot first timer from the edge of the area in near the foot of the post.

Riverstone pulled back with a penalty, and in the 71st minute Bondi's final goal came when Alan Ward received on the edge of the

area and passed to Stewart Campbell on his left, and Campbell took the ball on for an easy third goal.

In other first team matches Canley Heights beat Auburn 4-2 in an unexciting, physical display, and Sydney University led Artarmon 2-0 at half way before they went down 3-2.

This weekend's draw:

Saturday: Yagoona v. Toongabbie — O'Neil Park; Chelsea v. Queen's Park — Moore Park; Bondi v. West St. George — Waverley Oval No. 1; Nepean v. Blacktown Spartans — Cook Park; Lane Cove v. Revesby Rovers — Pottery Green; Artarmon v. South Sydney — Artarmon Reserve; Padstow Park v. Eastwood Town — Soccer Centre; Holroyd v. Lethbridge — West Guildford Showground; Earlwood v. Blacktown Spurs — Hughes Park; Fairfield-Kiev v. Hurstville — Knight Park; Cabravala v. Kingsford — Chisholm Park.

Sunday: Arncliffe Scots v. Riverstone — Arncliffe Park; Blacktown Spartans v. Yagoona — Francis Park; Greenwich v. Nepean — Gore Creek Reserve; Toongabbie v. Concordia — Girraween Park; Macquarie Uni. v. Sydney Uni. — Macquarie Uni. Oval; Maroubra v. North Bankstown — Coral Sea Park; Revesby Rovers v. Lane Cove — Amour Park; North Ryde v. Ryde — North Ryde Oval; Auburn v. Kingsford — Progress Park No. 2; Cabravala v. Canley Heights — Chisholm Park; Baulkham Hills v. Dee Why — Ted Horwood Reserve.

Last week's results:

FIRST DIVISION  
Yagoona v. Arncliffe 3-0 2-3  
Riverstone v. Bondi 1-3 3-6  
Blacktown v. Queens Park 1-1 3-2  
Riverstone v. Arncliffe 11-0 5-1  
Queens Park v. Blacktown 0-1 1-3  
Nepean v. Chelsea 2-2 3-1  
Concordia v. Greenwich 4-4 1-5  
W. St. Geo. v. Toongabbie 2-3 1-2

SECOND DIVISION  
Macquarie Uni. v. S. Syd. 2-1 3-1  
Syd. Uni. v. Artarmon 2-3 0-0  
Lethbridge v. Padstow 1-3 0-1  
S. Sydney v. Lane Cove 1-0 0-0  
N. Banks v. Macquarie U. 1-1 2-1  
Eastwood v. Maroubra 1-2 1-1  
Revesby v. Holroyd 1-0 0-1

THIRD DIVISION  
Kingsford v. North Ryde 2-0 3-1  
Dee Why v. Earlwood 1-2 0-1  
Ryde v. Fairfield-Kiev 3-2 4-1  
Canley Heights v. Auburn 4-2 2-2  
Blacktown v. Cabravala 2-6 7-6  
Hurstville v. Baulkham H. 1-2 1-7  
N. Ryde v. Fairfield-Kiev 1-2 0-4

## Polonia v. Manly 2-1

Relying on breakaways, Polonia twice outgunned Manly in the first half and in each case Wittek Polewski scored to give his side a commanding lead at half-time.

The more polished Manly tried to beat Polonia by playing good football, but the Polonia defence held well under pressure after the interval.

Polonia: Szaddy, Round, Zounis, Kaines, Mula, Wills, Urbas, Prokurat, Robson, Polewski (2), King.

Manly: Woods, Johnson, Stooks, Blues, Hutchinson (1), Mallam, Roozendaal, Jackson, Potts, Crawford, Gosling.

## Balgownie v. Corinthians 2-0

In an effort to get some goals Corinthians fielded a reshuffled team in the first half but the experiment failed as Balgownie scored two good goals.

John McGunnigle opened the score and Gus Eady made it 2-0 soon after.

Corinthians, reverting back to their usual formation in the second half, could have easily snatched a point as Bert Jagger failed to score from a penalty and Bobby Evans missed an easy chance with only minutes to go.

## THIS WEEK

With several clubs engaged in the Rothman's Cup on Saturday, a full round of competition games will be played on Sunday.

Match of the week is the clash between Balgownie and Guildford, which should be close.

Other interesting clashes are Marrickville-Rapid at Blick Oval, Melita v. Polonia at Mona Park, Bankstown v. Manly at the Soccer Centre and Granville v. Newtown at Garside Park.

## VICTORIAN TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
SM-Hellas	9	6	1	34	15	24
Alexander	8	5	3	29	19	21
Hakoah	8	4	4	18	20	20
George Cross	8	3	5	31	23	19
JUST	8	3	4	20	17	19
Slavia	7	4	4	21	14	18
Juventus	5	4	6	19	20	14
Melbourne	5	3	8	29	30	13
Mooroolbark	4	5	7	14	24	13
Polonia	5	1	9	14	16	11
Wilhelmina	4	3	9	14	22	11
Austria	2	1	13	9	32	5

# SYDNEY THIRD DIVISION

Northern Districts (30 points), Ku-ring-gai (30 points) and Arncliffe Scots (28 points) are all poised for a tremendous battle to determine the 1974 Third Division premiers.

Both Norths and Arncliffe have a game in hand on Ku-ring-gai, and West Ryde is a touch away on 27 points in third place.

Two goals from Allan Piggott settled Norths' chance of a clear run in the match at Cahill Park, and without Graeme MacKinnon Norths looked like a team lost.

Bobby Hardy and Terry Nutley were outstanding for the Scots.

Norths were able to toss Gladesville Ravens 1-0 at Peel Park on Sunday, with Ernie Glass registering his 13th goal of the season.

The Ku-ring-gai v. West Ryde clash at Acron Oval was an epic affair, with no let up in speed from go to whoa.

Ku-ring-gai goaled after five

minutes when Dave Cook only part saved a shot which was soon re-directed into goal.

Warringah, reconciled to being also-rans, defeated West Sutherland 3-2 at Seymour Shaw Park, the winning goal coming when John Bowen hit in a penalty after Gerry Bowman was fouled.

West Sutherland led twice in the game, scoring first after 15 minutes with the score 1-1 at half-time after Jerry Bowman had equalised.

With Warringah down 2-1 and everyone up in attack, West Sutherland broke through after Brian Taylor and Jimmy Hughes had collided outside the penalty box.

Unfortunately for West the shot hit the post, and later John Bowen skied a scissors kick with the ball drifting

high into West's goal for the equaliser, and soon after Warringah's penalty gave them the victory.

Last week's results:  
Arncliffe v. Northern Districts 2-0, 0-1, 0-1; Revesby v. Gladesville 0-2, 1-3, 0-2; Uni. of NSW v. West Sutherland 2-0, —; Gladesville v. Northern Districts 0-1, 0-3, 1-2; West Sutherland v. Warringah 2-3, 3-3, 0-3; Ku-ring-gai v. West Ryde 1-0, 4-1, 6-0; Uni. of NSW v. Belmore 1-1, 1-0, 0-1; Campbelltown v. Wentworth 2-1, 0-1, 3-6.

Next week's draw:  
Saturday: Belmore v. Ku-ring-gai — Blick Oval; Wentworth v. Uni. of NSW — Jones Park; Arncliffe Scots v. West Sutherland — Mackay Park.

Sunday: Warringah Saints v. Revesby Workers — Graham Reserve; Northern Districts v. West Sutherland — Englefield Stadium; West Ryde v. Arncliffe Scots — Waud S/G; Gladesville Ravens v. Campbelltown — Peel Park.

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